



EBB AND FLOW

Reversing Falls Sanctuary

May, 2016

“Cobble It Together,” Daksha Baumann’s landscaping project at Reversing Falls, is underway. Workers, materials, and funds are needed. Contact Daksha or go to the GoFundMe site for details. Watch for work day announcements.

In May on the 22nd we will feature a **Taize’ service of chants, readings and prayers.** Taize’ is an ecumenical Christian community in France and one of the most vibrant expressions of the Christian faith in the world. Many thousands of pilgrims go to Taize’ yearly, including many teenagers. In the past year we have included several Celtic ritual celebrations in our programs. We intend going forward to offer occasional opportunities to experience the practices or the rituals of other religious traditions. In the next few months Philip Osgood and Sheila Moir, Tibetan Buddhist practitioners trained in leading Buddhist Meditation, will lead us in “Awakening the Heart and Mind through Buddhist Meditation.” Jackie Pike will share with us Shaker songs and give us a sense for the remarkable community at Sabbath Day Lake in Maine, the only Shakers left in the United States.

Coming Events in May

Sunday, 5/1, 4 p.m. Women’s Circle

Thursday, 5/5, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga
6 p.m. “Doubt” rehearsal

Friday, 5/6, 4 p.m. Community Sing

Saturday, 5/7, 6 p.m. “Doubt” rehearsal

Thursday, 5/12, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga
6 p.m. “Doubt” rehearsal

Friday, 5/13, 4 p.m. Community Sing

Saturday, 4 p.m. “Doubt” rehearsal

Sunday, 5/15, 4 p.m. Film, **“Dream On”**

Tuesday, 5/17, 4 p.m. Program Team meets at Beverly Kelley’s

Wednesday, 5/18, 4 p.m. Leadership Team meets at RFS

Thursday, 5/19, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga

Friday, 5/20 4 p.m. Community Sing

Sunday, 5/22, 4 p.m. **Taize' service of chants, readings and prayers**

Thursday, 5/26, 8 a.m. Priceless Yoga

Friday, 5/27, 4 p.m. Community Sing

Sunday, 5/29, 2 p.m. **Celebration of the Life of Barbara Peppey** at David's Folly. *Folks are invited to share memories, poems, readings, and music. Please send a brief description in advance to Heather [heatherbryangillen@gmail.com] if you would like this included in the program. Or if you would like to contribute a single word or very brief description of the impact Barbara has had on you, or what you appreciate about Barbara, to be used as part of this special day, forward this information to Janet Lewis at jlewis@healthypeninsula.org preferably by April 30.*

The celebration is self-catering so please bring a plate of finger food for sharing.

Future Events

June 6-12, **Maine Wisdom Gathering** with Cynthia Bourgeault in Stonington – a study of the thought of Teilhard de Chardin

July 15-16, **“Jonathan Fisher’s Year without a Summer,”** a symposium in Blue Hill featuring climate historians and scientists on the greatest global climate catastrophe in hundreds of years with particular attention to the impact on Maine and in particular, Blue Hill

July 15-16, Spiritual Life Conference, **“The Jesus Project,”** in Ellsworth

July 30, **Kim and Reggie Harris concert** at Reversing Falls Sanctuary

August 14, 2-5 p.m. **“Acadia: Nature as Teacher” art opening**

August 21, 2 p.m. **“Nature as Teacher” writers read** from their work

August 14 to August 28, 12-4 p.m. Th.- Sun., **“Nature as Teacher” Art exhibit** open at the Gallery Within, Reversing Falls Sanctuary

The photo below is of Hattie Fitzpatrick reading her prize winning poem, “Planet B” at the March 6 Lenten Series program, “GSA Student Poets respond to Climate Change.” Ed Conte’s poem as well as Hattie’s are in this week’s *Weekly Packet*, published April 29. Last week a selection of poems read at the program were featured on WERU.



Planet B

By Hattie Fitzpatrick

Zuzu takes my hand in hers
Let's go outside, she says
Her braids are rainbows
and they bounce to the rhythm of her steps
Quick brown legs fly across the lawn
It's wet, she says
I know...

Zuzu wakes me up in the morning
Let's climb a tree, she says
Her eyes are hope
and I rub the sleep from my eyes as I follow her
She stops at the edge of the porch
The grass is swimming, she says
I know...

Zuzu has been quiet all day
Let's catch fireflies, I say
Her face is worry
and she doesn't look up as she speaks
The bush they like is drowning, she says
I know...

Zuzu hangs sheets on the windows
I don't want to watch, she says
Her tears are memories
and she wipes them away angrily
Too much water, she says
I know...

Zuzu reaches for me
We are together, I say
Her body is an anchor
And we shake as the house breaks free from its
foundation
There's only water, she says
I know, Zu, but there is nowhere else to go.

Photos: Reversing Falls Sanctuary, Gail Vencill; Hattie Fitzpatrick, Daksha Baumann

For more information on coming events visit www.reversingfalls.org

For more information on the participation of Reversing Falls Sanctuary in the celebration of the Acadia National Park's 100th anniversary, "Acadia: Nature as Teacher," visit the blogsite <https://acadianatureasteacher.wordpress.com>